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EXAMINER LUDLOW:

In response to your telephone message of December 18, 2001, enclosed is a copy of the Preliminary Amendment mailed March 20, 2001 and filed March 28, 2001 (per enclosed copy of mailing receipt post card). Please note the Remarks relative to the Williams patent.

I would like to speak with you after you have entered the Amendment and reviewed the Remarks. I have a specific proposal as to an amendment of claim 1 which hopefully will overcome your 35 USC 112 rejections. I understand that it will be after January 1, 2002 before the Preliminary Amendment is entered.

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Preliminary Amendment

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